

**REMARKS**

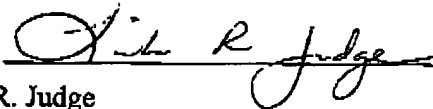
The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 1, 2006, required that Applicant renumber the Claims because of the amendments filed April 13, 2004 and October 6, 2005 included 2 different claim sets with the same numbering. Applicants have canceled Claim 55-60, filed April 13, 2004, renumbered the Claims submitted October 6, 2005 and provided proper claim dependencies, as set forth above.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants counsel, Linda R. Judge at (415) 836-2586:

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